

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Aaron C. Walker on April 1, 2011.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the specification:

- Page 1, paragraph 1, line 1, replace "Continuation" with - -National Stage Application- -.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 2-22 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

- Regarding claim 2, the prior art fails to teach or fairly suggest an irradiation limiting device wherein the driver section includes a base, a drive shaft connected with a driving source through a connection portion and inserted into the base, and a slider which moves along an axial direction of the drive shaft accompanying rotation of the drive shaft and is connected with the linear member, in combination with all the other limitations of the claim.
- Claims 2-22 are allowable by virtue of their dependencies.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue

fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MONA M. SANEI whose telephone number is (571)272-8657. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward J. Glick can be reached on (571) 272-2490. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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